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David Conroy, Chief
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Dear Mr. Conroy:

I am writing with regard to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Data Requirements Rule for the 1-Hour Sulfur Dioxide National Ambient Air Quality Standard (40 CFR 51.1203), which requires states to characterize air quality in areas affected by large sources of sulfur dioxide (2,000 tons or more of actual emissions).

The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) has reviewed its most recently available annual SO₂ emissions data (2014 Source Registration data) and determined that no sources in Massachusetts emitted 2,000 tons or more of SO₂. Therefore, Massachusetts does not have any sources covered by the SO₂ Data Requirements Rule.

However, in consultation with EPA New England staff, MassDEP is planning to model SO₂ emissions from Brayton Point in Somerset to determine if there are potential impacts on Rhode Island as part of addressing the transport requirements in the Massachusetts SO₂ Infrastructure State Implementation Plan.

If you have any questions or need additional information regarding this letter, please contact Mark Wert of my staff at 617-292-5598.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Christine Kirby". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the beginning.

Christine Kirby, Director
Air and Climate Programs

cc: Mark Wert, MassDEP
Anne Arnold, EPA Region 1